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SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLOT TO KIDNAP MEMBERS OF EMBASSY OF
SIERRA LEONE

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE DESCRIBED REFTEL: QUOTE
THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOUR
TO STATE THAT IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS
EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR AND MR. OLU HARDING, FIRST
SECRETARY AND HEAD OF CHANCERY OF THE EMBASSY, THAT PLANS
ARE NOW AFOOT TO KIDNAP EITHER THE WIFE OF MR. HARDING,
WHO HAPPENS TO BE THE DAUGHTER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE, THE AMBASSADOR OR MR. HARDING.

THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE WISHES TO
BRING TO THE NOTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT THE
VERDICT OF THE PENDING TREASON TRIAL CONVICTING FIFTEEN
ACCUSED PERSONS IN SIERRA LEONE, HAS RESULTED IN
NUMEROUS THREATS AGAINST THE LIVES AND PROPERTIES OF THE
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ABOVE NAMED PERSONS AS ACTS OF REPRISAL.

THE EMBASSY WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE INTENSIFIED SECURITY MEASURES ON THE PREMISES OF THE AMBASSADOR AND MR. AND MRS. HARDING AND ALSO THE CHANCERY. THE AMBAS-

SADOR'S RESIDENCE IS LOCATED AT 4821 COLORADO AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C., MR. HARDING'S RESIDENCE IS LOCATED AT 7312 BRADLEY BOULEVARD, BETHESDA, MD., AND THE CHANCERY IS AT 1701 19TH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION UNQUOTE.

2. DEPTOFF SPOKE WITH HARDING NOVEMBER 29, HE AGREED MEET WITH FBI AGENT SEEKING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ALLEGED PLOT. MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SAME DAY. INGERSOLL

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